

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JOHN BRUEGGEMAN, on January 22, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary
Tammy McGill, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 222, 1/16/2009; SB 225,
1/16/2009
Executive Action: SB 175, SB 27

HEARING ON SB 222

00:01:10 **Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN**
(D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 222, Revise 4 lane
construction on Highway 2.

EXHIBIT(his15a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:30 Bob Sivertsen, President, Highway 2 Association

EXHIBIT(his15a02)

00:05:51 Larry Mires, 2 Rivers Economic Growth

00:07:01 Mary Phippen, Citizen

00:07:48 Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)

00:08:35 Sen. Windy Boy, SD 16, Box Elder

00:09:52 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:01 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

Informational Testimony:

00:11:48 None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:51 Sen. Zinke

00:12:16 Jim Lynch, DOT

00:13:38 Sen. Zinke

00:13:43 Jim Lynch, DOT

00:14:42 Sen. Tutvedt

00:15:18 Jim Lynch, DOT

00:16:21 Sen. Windy Boy

00:17:25 Jim Lynch, DOT

00:17:59 Sen. Windy Boy

00:18:21 Jim Lynch, DOT

00:19:45 Chairman Brueggeman

00:20:07 Jim Lynch, DOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:16 Sen. Hansen

HEARING ON SB 225

00:21:04 **Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. TAYLOR BROWN (R), SD 22**, opened the hearing on **SB 225**, Sugar beet harvest weight exemption.

EXHIBIT(his15a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:08 Gina Asay, Western Sugar Cooperative

00:32:12 Kim Nile, Western Sugar Cooperative

EXHIBIT(his15a04)

00:34:13 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:34:41 Bart Icopini, Western Sugar Cooperative

EXHIBIT(his15a05)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:40 Jim Lynch (DOT)

EXHIBIT(his15a06)

00:50:48 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Informational Testimony:

00:54:14 None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:18 Sen. Keane

00:54:43 Jim Lynch, DOT

00:56:34 Sen. Keane

00:57:02 Jim Lynch, DOT

00:58:17 Sen. Zinke

00:58:42 Jim Lynch, DOT

01:00:23 Sen. Zinke

01:00:50 Sen. Taylor

01:01:05 Chairman Shockley

01:01:11 Kim Nile, Western Sugar Cooperative

01:01:43 Sens Wanzenreid

01:02:20 Sen. Taylor

01:02:48 Gina Asay, Western Sugar Cooperative

01:03:04 Sen. Wanzenreid

01:03:17 Gina Asay, Western Sugar Cooperative

01:03:37 Sen. Wanzenreid

01:03:50 Jim Lynch, DOT

01:04:15 Sen. Tutvedt

01:04:22 Kim Nile, Western Sugar Cooperative
01:04:56 Sen. Tutvedt
01:05:00 Kim Nile, Western Sugar Cooperative
01:05:13 Sen. Tutvedt
01:05:43 Kim Nile, Western Sugar Cooperative
01:06:27 Sen. Tutvedt
01:06:31 Kim Nile, Western Sugar Cooperative
01:06:51 Sen. Tutvedt
01:07:15 Kim Nile, Western Sugar Cooperative
01:08:26 Sen. Tutvedt
01:08:47 Jim Lynch, DOT
01:09:15 Sen. Windy Boy
01:09:32 Jim Lynch, DOT
01:09:51 Sen. Laslovich
01:10:02 Jim Lynch, DOT
01:12:09 Sen. Windy Boy
01:12:38 Jim Lynch, DOT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:15 Sen. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 175

01:17:15 **Motion:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that **SB 175 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:17:29 Chairman Brueggeman

01:18:37 **Substitution Motion/Vote:** SEN. HINKLE moved that **SB 175 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously. Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 27

01:19:27 **Motion:** SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that **SB 27 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:20:45 Sen. Tutvedt
01:21:18 Sen. Wanzenreid
01:22:15 Sen. Keane
01:23:13 Sen. Laible

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01:26:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by voice vote with SEN. KEANE, SEN. LASLOVICH, SEN. WANZENRIED, and SEN. WINDY BOY voting aye. Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

01:26:33 Without objection Chairman Brueggeman tabled **SB 27** and reversed the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([his15aad.pdf](#))